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RICHMOND ON 4-DAY TRIP TO SYDNEY

The Richmond Soccer Club will fly to Sydney this weekend for a four-day stay during which it will play matches against Concordia.

The players, keen on the trip, have paid out over £500 themselves for air fares and accommodation.

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PLAYER OUT FOR ABUSE

George Cross centre-forward Paul Zammitt, who was sent off the field in the first Cup semi-final against J.U.S.T. for allegedly foul and abusive language to referee Tardif after he had awarded a penalty, was suspended by the Disciplinary Committee until the beginning of league season 1960.

This means that he cannot participate in the remaining Finals or the Sun Cup night competition.

Zammitt has lodged an appeal with the State Council.

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CUP SEMI-FINALISTS IN STALEMATE

George Cross and J.U.S.T. Display Perfect Equality

After four hours of play, a Finalist has yet to emerge from the second Dockerty Cup semi-final between George Cross and J.U.S.T.

Neither side has even looked like getting a winning break against the other.

In two matches played, J.U.S.T. took a one-goal lead no less than five times, but on each occasion, George Cross counter-attacked to equalise within a few minutes.

Except for the opening thirty minutes of the first match, play throughout has been of good standard and thoroughly crowd-pleasing—a mixture of vigorous, fast, brainy, and often spectacular football.

It was purely coincidence that both of these matches were televised. The dates were arranged some time ago before the fixtures for the two days were known.

The coincidence turned out to be an advantageous one. The standard of play in these matches made both telecasts splendid advertisements for soccer.

Several players stood out for each side, but since team-work was the essence of both games, it would seem unfair to mention the special virtues of an elite few, and space prevents a listing of the good work done by each of the 22 players.

It's a pity that eventually one of these sides must be a loser!

WILHELMINA WINS "SOUR" LEAGUE CUP SEMI

Two Sent Off in Needle Match

Wilhelmina beat Juventus 1-0 after extra time in last Sunday's semi-final of the State League Cup, a match that was notable for its physical flashes and their inevitable product—a deplorable lack of constructive ball play.

Both left wing-halves, Waldeck of Wilhelmina and Griggs of Juventus were sent to the showers by referee Hutchison for alleged foul play — Waldeck at 41 minutes, and Griggs at 65 minutes.

Defenders had it all their own way throughout, and at 90 minutes neither side had raised a score.

The only bright spot in the match occurred in the 14th minute of extra time.

Wilhelmina's centre-half, Bill Westerveld, emerged from a scrimmage in his own penalty area with the ball and dribbled downfield for about 50 yards, from where he sent an accurate pass to his inside-right, Nyholt

Nyholt rifled a swerving 25-yard screamer toward the left side of the net, but just as it screwed away and looked like a wasted shot, Brouwer flew through the defence and got his foot to the ball to put it into the net with such angle and speed that goalie Vitti was left helpless.

The match than relapsed into its former negative style, and, for the remainder of extra time, exhaustion appeared to be giving the players as much trouble as their opponents.

GOOD RECORD

The end of another season approaches with the splendid record of leading referee LUIGI CADELLI unblemished.

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HAKOAH TAKES RESERVE FLAG

Hakoah beat Box Hill 7-2 last Saturday to finish with 38 points and win the championship of the State League Reserve competition for the second year in a row.

Hakoah's win over Box Hill prevented Wilhelmina from winning the pennant.

Thus the Blues evened up matters with the Dutchmen—it was Wilhelmina who knocked Hakoah out of the Armstrong Reserve Cup competition with a 2-1 defeat in a semi-final two weeks ago.

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The State Council is anticipating a profit after the accounts are audited this year. There appears to be an almost unanimous feeling in the Council that any profit over and above the amount necessary to recoup last year's loss will be ploughed back into the clubs. The amount and the methods are of course not yet known.

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STARS HERE IN TWO WEEKS

New South Wales champion PRAGUE-Sydney will be seen in action at Olympic Park in two weeks.

The visitors will play Juventus on the No. 2 Oval (behind the Velodrome) on Saturday October 31, and will meet Hakoah on the regular No. 1 soccer pitch on Sunday, November 1.

Prague is the name of the principal city in Czechoslovakia, but the Sydney Club hasn't got a single Czech in its senior team.

Its forwards and wing-halves are Austrian and Hungarian internationals, and its rear defence Australian.

PRAGUE STAR

LEO BAUMGARTNER
Former F.K. AUSTRIA centre-forward, this international player is now with PRAGUE-SYDNEY. He is the Federation's leading goal-scorer and will appear here late this month.

TODAY

The matches scheduled for the week-end of October 17 and 18 will not be played on the No. 1 Soccer Pitch at Olympic Park.

However, the Park Trustees have made the No. 2 Oval, behind the Velodrome, available for both days.

STATE LEAGUE CUP

Semi-Final
2.45 p.m.)
Hakoah v. George Cross.

ARMSTRONG CUP

Final
(1 p.m.)
Wilhelmina v. Polonia

TOMORROW

(Olympic Park, Sunday)

LAIDLAW WORLD CUP

Semi-Final
(3 p.m.)
Scotland v. Croatia

NEXT WEEK

No. 2 Oval
(Olympic Park, Saturday)

DOCKERTY CUP

Semi-Final
George Cross v. J.U.S.T

LAST WEEK

DOCKERTY CUP

George Cross drew J.U.S.T., 2-2.

ARMSTRONG CUP

Polonia d. Footscray, 3-0.

STATE LEAGUE CUP

Wilhelmina d. Juventus, 1-0.

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Hakoah d. Box Hill, 7-2.

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STATE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Wilhelmina	22	17	2	3	86	40	36
George Cross	22	14	5	3	57	26	33
Juventus	22	14	4	4	49	22	32
Hakoah	21	14	2	5	49	27	30
Slavia	22	12	5	5	49	28	29
Polonia	22	8	7	7	37	31	23
Moreland	21	8	2	11	54	38	18
J.U.S.T.	22	6	6	10	50	44	18
Box Hill	22	6	3	13	24	53	15
Footscray	22	3	7	12	31	65	13
Geelong	22	3	5	14	28	55	11
Yarra Park	22	1	2	19	27	112	4

METROPOLITAN LEAGUES

NORTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Croatia	18	14	2	2	81	22	30
Preston	18	14	2	2	62	19	30
Lions-Hayduk	18	13	1	4	66	19	27
Sunshine City	18	9	1	8	35	32	19
Sicilia	18	7	3	8	44	32	17
Maccabi	18	7	2	9	35	47	16
Corio	18	7	1	10	33	41	15
Coburg	18	5	4	9	30	38	14
Hellenic	18	5	2	11	31	41	12
Brunswick	18	0	0	18	9	135	0

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Moonee Ponds	18	14	1	3	51	21	29
Fiorentina	18	12	4	2	50	16	28
University	18	10	4	4	49	31	24
Essendon	18	9	0	9	30	42	18
Fairfield	18	5	5	8	37	37	15
St. Albans	18	7	1	10	34	39	15
Williamstown	18	6	2	10	25	38	14
Collingwood	18	5	3	11	40	41	13
I.C.I.	18	5	3	10	36	52	13
Heidelberg	18	4	3	11	26	61	11

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Norlane Olymp.	18	13	3	2	55	26	29
North Richmond	18	11	6	1	63	26	28
Seymour	18	12	3	3	48	21	27
Makedonia	18	10	2	6	34	27	22
Trident	18	8	5	5	38	34	21
Olympia	18	8	2	8	39	33	18
Bendigo	18	4	5	9	31	43	13
Melita	18	5	2	11	26	48	12
Hollandia	18	4	1	13	35	55	9
Yarraville	18	0	1	17	3	59	1

TABLES COMPILED
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SOUTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Melbourne	18	17	1	0	100	19	35
Richmond	18	13	1	4	72	22	27
Yallourn	18	13	1	4	63	35	27
South Melbourne	18	12	2	4	47	24	26
Brighton	18	9	2	7	41	34	20
Dandenong	18	8	1	9	55	48	17
South Yarra	18	4	1	13	26	57	9
Prahran	18	3	2	13	22	71	8
Park Rangers	18	3	0	15	30	87	6
Vic. Police	18	1	3	14	21	79	5

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Sandringham	18	14	3	1	53	29	31
Austria	18	11	3	4	61	39	25
Frankston	18	10	3	5	57	35	23
Bayswater	18	7	3	8	36	45	17
Oakleigh	18	6	4	8	24	15	16
Rosebud	18	8	0	10	40	45	16
Ferntree Gully	18	7	0	11	46	36	14
Moorabbin	18	5	4	9	36	54	14
F.N.D.	18	6	2	10	34	61	14
Croydon	18	5	0	13	34	62	10

HOW THEY STAND

State League Reserves

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Hakoah	22	18	2	2	72	26	38
Wilhelmina	22	17	2	3	69	23	36
Polonia	21	12	4	5	30	22	28
Juventus	20	11	2	7	50	31	24
Geelong	21	11	1	9	37	25	23
J.U.S.T.	21	10	1	10	62	36	21
Moreland	21	8	5	8	33	31	21
Box Hill	20	9	1	10	42	47	19
Footscray	20	7	1	12	23	45	15
George Cross	21	6	3	12	26	49	15
Slavia	21	4	3	14	31	60	11
Yarra Park	22	0	1	21	3	83	1

First Division Reserves (North)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Lions-Hayduk	18	13	2	3	55	21	28
Sunshine City	18	12	3	3	48	21	27
Fiorentina	18	12	2	4	57	29	26
Frankston	18	10	3	5	54	38	23
Preston	18	8	4	6	52	32	20
Coburg	18	8	4	6	36	37	20
Maccabi	18	8	2	8	58	41	18
Hellenic	18	5	1	12	30	57	11
Sandringham	18	3	0	15	20	59	6
University	18	0	1	17	8	83	1

First Division Reserves (South)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Richmond	18	15	2	1	71	21	32
Melbourne	18	15	1	2	83	23	31
Dandenong	18	10	3	5	44	33	23
Park Rangers	18	11	1	6	39	35	23
Brighton	18	9	2	7	37	33	20
Yallourn	18	6	6	6	39	49	18
South Melbourne	18	7	1	10	35	47	15
South Yarra	18	5	2	11	29	52	12
Prahran	18	3	0	15	17	101	6

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SCOTLAND TO REPLAY SHOCK SPECIALIST CROATIA SUNDAY

Scots Still Favorites If Fit

Laidlaw World Cup favourite Scotland, held to a surprise 1-1 draw by Croatia in their semi-final two weeks ago, will meet the "shock-result specialists" again tomorrow on the No. 2 Oval at Olympic Park.

Although Croatia has won a great deal of attention and praise for its wins over Hungary and Yugoslavia, its draw with Scotland, creditable in some ways as it undoubtedly was, lacked conviction when one adds up the casualties and the unfit in the Scottish team.

Crocks

Scotland's forward line tried to operate with three "crocks"—Beattie and Copeland, both of whom were injured in the J.U.S.T-George Cross thriller of the previous day, and Blackley, who pulled a thigh muscle early in the match.

A sick Wemyss asked to be replaced at half-time, and Balish, who took his place, soon went off to the hospital to get his head stitched after a severe head clash, leaving the side one man short for the last hour of play.

The fact that this "crippled" team could hold the Croatians to a 1-1 draw in two hours of play seems to be the pointer for tomorrow's replay.

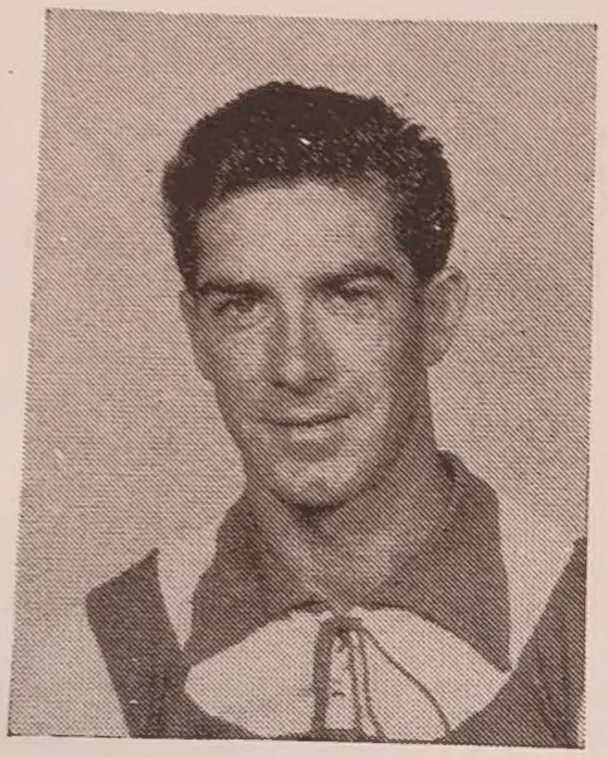
Big But Fast

Although Croatia's big men possess tons of speed and plenty of skill, the experience of the Scots is still favoured to take them into the Final against Italy—provided they field a fit team tomorrow.

The sides will be selected from:

SCOTLAND: Hilton, Jack, Alexander, Wemyss, McNeill, Thomas, Berry, Glennie, Lawrie, Balish, Bell, Cook, Beattie, Blackley, Copeland Riach, Pollock.

CROATIA: Djukie, Adric, Sambolek, Gulin, Stolar, Krizmancic, Gregoric, Pomahac, Horvat, Tognoni Zemunic, Silvar, Brkic, Kocian, Dodig.

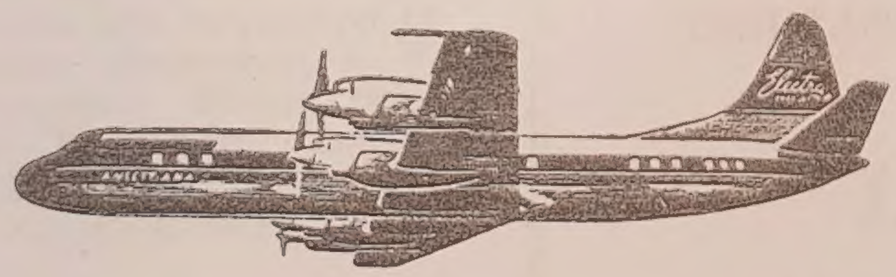


KARL JAROS

Another former F.K. AUSTRIA international, Jaros is a world-class right-winger, and will play in Melbourne when PRAGUE-SYDNEY visits here late this month.

HAND BURNED

Leading referee BILL CURRAN has not been available for the past two weeks and may be out for the rest of the season because of a badly burned hand, which was splashed by burning fat when he jumped between his toddling child and the stove in the kitchen of his home.



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SENIOR SPONSORS

Several senior clubs — Wilhelmina, Slavia, Melbourne, and Hakoah—have undertaken the sponsorship of Junior teams.

"But all senior clubs should sponsor Junior sides," says Mr. Joe Threlfall, Secretary of the Junior L.M. Committee. "This would not only ensure a healthy future for our code—it would ensure the future of the sponsoring clubs."

The Junior Committee will now accept entries for the 1960 Junior Competitions in Under 12, 14, 16 and 18 age groups and it is proposed to form an Under 10 age group competition, providing enough entries are received. It is also proposed to form district competitions in the lower age groups to avoid excessive travelling.

Any club intending to enter teams for the 1960 season are requested to contact the Junior Secretary, J. P Threlfall, 3 Ferguson Street, Sunshine, W.20, or Mr. Len. Young Olympic Park (BM 5309) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on week days.

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Last week's issue of "Pix," dated October 10, contained a big and enlightening picture-story on soccer in Australia. Very interesting.

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RESERVE CUP DECISION TODAY

Today's Armstrong Reserves Cup Final between Wilhelmina and Polonia should be just as entertaining as the State League fixture which follows it.

The strong teams which won their respective semi-finals for both clubs will take the field—for Polonia, the one which convincingly beat Footscray 3-0 last week, and for Wilhelmina, the one which beat Hakoah 2-1.

Polonia could win this narrowly—barring another of those so-and-so draws!

HAKOAH FOR CUP DOUBLE?

Dockerty Cup finalist Hakoah will go all out to beat George Cross today in an effort to reach the State League Cup Final.

However, if George Cross can reproduce the brilliant form shown in its drawn matches against J.U.S.T. Hakoah's chances for the double become very dim indeed.

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Most of the players in last Sunday's Wilhelmina-Juventus match appeared to be playing the man with as much diligence as they played the ball. Leaning on his crutches on the sidelines, Sjel de Bruyckere must have watched the donnybrook with a grim feeling of irony.

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Elsewhere in this issue, we deliberately avoided mentioning particular players in the George Cross-J.U.S.T. match because all played well in both teams. We can't help mentioning the outstanding work of George Cross goalie Yunkovic, however. Material for the State team in this lad, we feel.

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